

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 as anticipated by Dreyer et al, rejected claims 3 and 6 – 9 as obvious over Dreyer in view of Tanaka, allowed claims 15 – 18 and indicated that claims 10 – 14, 20 and 21 are directed to allowable subject matter but depend from rejected base claims.

35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that the Dreyer reference discloses the method of the invention. Dreyer discloses how to create a master page and variable paged files, whereas the present invention provides for archiving of complete computer data streams which contain a substantial number of documents.

Allowable Claims

The claims 10, 11, 12, 13 and 20 have been redrafted in independent form, and so are in form for allowance. Claim 14 and 21 depend directly or indirectly from the newly independent claims and are also in form for allowance.

Applicant notes that claims 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 depend from either directly or indirectly from allowable claim 20 and so are also in form for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate language consistent with allowable claim 15. Applicant submits that claim 1 and the claims 2, 3 and 9 which depend therefrom are also allowable.

Conclusion

Each issue raised in the action has been addressed. Early favorable reconsideration and allowance is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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